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DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

STATE OF ARIZONA

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4 In the Matter of: 5

Docket No. 96A-004-INS

ERNESTO H. KIRKER,

ORDER

Applicant.

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On April 11, 1996, the Office of Administrative Hearings, through Administrative Law Judge Lewis D. Kowal submitted "Recommended Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Recommended Order", a copy of which is attached and incorporated by this reference. The Director of the Arizona Department of Insurance has reviewed the recommendation, and enters the following order:

- The recommended findings of fact and conclusions 1. of law are adopted.
- Applicant Ernesto H. Kirker's application for an individual property and casualty insurance agent license submitted on November 21, 1995 to the Arizona Department of Insurance is denied.

NOTIFICATION OF RIGHTS

The aggrieved party may request a rehearing with respect to this Order by filing a written petition with the Office of Administrative Hearings within 30 days of the date of this Order, setting forth the basis for such relief pursuant to A.A.C. R20-6-114(B).

1 The final decision of the Director may be appealed to 2 the Superior Court of Maricopa County for judicial review 3 pursuant to A.R.S. §20-166. 4 EFFECTIVE this 16th day of April, 1996 5 6 8 Director of Insurance A copy of the foregoing mailed this <u>lath</u> day of 10 | April, 1996 11 | Charles R. Cohen, Deputy Director Gregory Y. Harris, Executive Assistant Director John Gagne, Assistant Director Maureen Catalioto, Supervisor 13 Department of Insurance 2910 N. 44th St., Suite 210 Phoenix, AZ 85018 14|| 15 Kathryn Leonard Assistant Attorney General 1275 West Washington Phoenix, AZ 85007 17 Ernesto H. Kirker 7607 N. 48th Avenue 18 Glendale, AZ 85301 19 20 21 22 23 24 25

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No. 96A-004-INS

RECOMMENDED FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND RECOMMENDED ORDER

On April 4, 1996, a hearing took place in the above-referenced matter. Assistant Attorney General Kathryn Leonard appeared on behalf of the Arizona Department of Insurance ("Department"). Applicant Ernesto H. Kirker ("Mr. Kirker") did not appear at the hearing.

Based upon the entire record, including all pleadings, motions, testimony, and exhibits, Administrative Law Judge Lewis D. Kowal prepared the following Recommended Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Recommended Order for consideration by the Director of the Department ("Director").

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. On November 21, 1995, Mr. Kirker submitted an application for an individual property and casualty insurance agent license (the "Application") to the Department. Mr. Kirker was issued a conditional license in connection with the Application upon his execution of an Agreement for Conditional License.
- 2. On January 11, 1993, in <u>United States of America v. Ernesto Herrera Kirker</u>, CR92-395-01, Mr. Kirker entered a guilty plea as to one count Information and was convicted of Bank Larceny in violation of Title 18 U.S.C. Section 2113(b), a felony.
- 3. In the Application, Mr. Kirker disclosed his conviction in CR92-345-001 (sic) of violating 18 U.S.C. Section 2113(b), Bank Larceny as well as the plea agreement and terms of probation.
 - On December 28, 1995, the Department denied the Application.
- 5. On January 18, 1996, the Applicant timely filed a demand for hearing concerning this matter.
 - The Applicant did not present any evidence at the hearing.

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CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. Mr. Kirker received notice of this proceeding as prescribed by A.R.S. §§20-163 and 41-1061.
- 2. The Director has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to A.R.S. §§20-161 and 20-290.
- 3. Mr. Kirker's conduct as described above in the Findings of Fact constitutes a record of dishonesty in business or financial matters in violation of A.R.S. §20-290(B)(2).
- 4. Mr. Kirker's conduct as described above in the Findings of Fact constitutes a record of conviction by final judgment of a felony involving moral turpitude within the meaning of A.R.S. §20-290(B)(6).
- 5. Grounds exist for the Director of the Department to refuse to accept the Application or issue any licenses pursuant to A.R.S. §20-290(B).

RECOMMENDED ORDER

Based upon the above, the undersigned Administrative Law Judge recommends that Applicant Ernesto H. Kirker's application for an individual property and casualty insurance agent license submitted on November 21, 1995 to the Arizona Department of Insurance be denied.

DATED this 11th day of April, 1996.

OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

LEWIS D. KOWAL

Administrative Law Judge

COPY of the foregoing mailed/delivered this // day of April, 1996, to:

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Chris Crawford